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compartment 50 includes an access opening 52 and a removable cover 54 positioned over the access opening 52. A gasket 56 is disposed between the cover 54 and the cap 16 forming a seal therebetween. Cover 54 is preferably a face plate of a drawer 60 movably mounted in the cap 16. Gasket 56 is positioned against an outside surface 62 of header wall 32.

On page 9, line 11, the 2nd paragraph should read:

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Referring now back to Fig. 2, the drawer 60 includes a front 120, back 122, sides 124 and bottom 126. Drawer 60 may be fabricated of stamped and/or welded sheet metal or plastic. Decorative flocking or the like (not shown) may be installed on the bottom 126. Each of the sides 124 of the drawer 60 includes a rail 130 therealong. Each rail 130 rides in a respective one of the semicircular channels 110 in the channel 74. Thus, pushing the drawer 60 completely into the channel 74 causes the ends 132 of the rails 130 to compress the springs 102. In other words, drawer 60 is spring biased towards an outward position relative to the channel 74 and cap 16.

In The Claims

Please amend claims 1-6, 10, 16, 18-20, 24, 25 and 27 as follows:

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CLAIMS 1-6
1. A sealable casket having a memorabilia compartment, said casket comprising:
- a shell;
 - at least one cap pivoted to said shell;
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said shell and at least one cap having respective confronting flanges;
a first gasket disposed between said flanges of said shell and at least one cap to seal therebetween;
a memorabilia compartment formed within said at least one cap and including an access opening and an interior;
a removable cover positioned over said access opening; and
a second gasket disposed between said cover and said at least one cap to seal therebetween.

2. The casket of claim 1 wherein said casket is a full top casket and said at least one cap is a single full length cap.

3. The casket of claim 1 wherein said casket is a cut top casket and said at least one cap is a pair of caps: a head end cap and a foot end cap.

4. The casket of claim 1 wherein said cover is a face plate of a drawer movably mounted in said at least one cap.

5. The casket of claim 3 wherein said cover is a face plate of a drawer movably mounted in one of said head end and foot end caps.

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6. The casket of claim 3 further comprising a third gasket disposed between said head and foot end caps to seal therebetween.

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10. The casket of claim 9 wherein said second gasket is positioned against an outside surface of said header wall around said access opening.

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16. A sealable casket having a memorabilia compartment, said casket comprising:

a shell;

at least one cap pivoted to said shell;

said shell and at least one cap having respective confronting flanges;

a first gasket disposed between said flanges of said shell and at least one cap to seal therebetween;

a memorabilia compartment formed within said at least one cap and including an access opening and an interior;

a removable cover positioned over said access opening; and

a second gasket disposed between said cover and said at least one cap to seal therebetween;

wherein said casket is a cut top casket and said at least one cap is a pair of caps: a head end cap and a foot end cap;

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cont- wherein said cover is a face plate of a drawer movably mounted in one of said head end and foot end caps;

wherein said drawer is movably mounted in said foot end cap;

wherein said foot end cap includes a header wall and wherein said access opening is formed in said header wall;

wherein said drawer is movable into and out of said foot end cap through said access opening in said header wall;

wherein said second gasket is positioned against an outside surface of said header wall around said access opening;

further comprising a drawer support within said foot end cap and mounted from an inside surface of said header wall;

wherein said drawer support is an open-ended generally C-shaped channel;

wherein said channel is mounted from said inside surface of said header wall with a pair of brackets, one bracket of said pair being located on each lateral side of said channel;

wherein each said bracket has a longer leg and a shorter leg, said longer leg being secured to said channel and said shorter leg being secured to said inside surface of said header wall; and

wherein said longer leg has an upwardly directed U-shaped tang at a lower edge thereof a free end of which is received in a slot at a lower edge of said

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channel, and a downwardly directed U-shaped clip has one leg received in a slot at an upper edge of said channel the other leg of which U-shaped clip retains said longer leg of said bracket against a side of said channel.

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18. A sealable casket having a memorabilia compartment, said casket comprising:

a shell;

at least one cap pivoted to said shell;

said shell and at least one cap having respective confronting flanges;

a first gasket disposed between said flanges of said shell and at least one cap to seal therebetween;

a memorabilia compartment formed within said at least one cap and including an access opening and an interior;

a removable cover positioned over said access opening; and

a second gasket disposed between said cover and said at least one cap to seal therebetween;

wherein said casket is a cut top casket and said at least one cap is a pair of caps: a head end cap and a foot end cap;

wherein said cover is a face plate of a drawer movably mounted in one of said head end and foot end caps;

wherein said drawer is movably mounted in said foot end cap;

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wherein said foot end cap includes a header wall and wherein said access opening is formed in said header wall;

wherein said drawer is movable into and out of said foot end cap through said access opening in said header wall;

said second gasket is positioned against an outside surface of said header wall around said access opening;

further comprising a drawer support within said foot end cap and mounted from an inside surface of said header wall;

wherein said drawer support is an open-ended generally C-shaped channel;

wherein said drawer is spring biased towards an outward position; and

wherein each lateral side of said channel includes a semi-circular channel therein, and wherein each semi-circular channel includes a compression spring therein and retained at an inward end thereof by a retaining pin, and further wherein said drawer includes a rail on each lateral side thereof which rides in a respective semi-circular channel, such that pushing said drawer completely into said channel causes said rails of said drawer to compress said compression springs.

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~~19. The casket of claim 10 further including a latch mechanism which latches said drawer in an inward position and compresses said second gasket between said face plate and header wall.~~

20. A sealable casket having a memorabilia compartment, said casket comprising:

- a shell;
- at least one cap pivoted to said shell;
- said shell and at least one cap having respective confronting flanges;
- a first gasket disposed between said flanges of said shell and at least one cap to seal therebetween;
- a memorabilia compartment formed within said at least one cap and including an access opening and an interior;
- a removable cover positioned over said access opening; and
- a second gasket disposed between said cover and said at least one cap to seal therebetween;

wherein said casket is a cut top casket and said at least one cap is a pair of caps: a head end cap and a foot end cap;

wherein said cover is a face plate of a drawer movably mounted in one of said head end and foot end caps;

wherein said drawer is movably mounted in said foot end cap;

wherein said foot end cap includes a header wall and wherein said access opening is formed in said header wall;

wherein said drawer is movable into and out of said foot end cap through said access opening in said header wall;

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wherein said second gasket is positioned against an outside surface of said header wall around said access opening;

further comprising a drawer support within said foot end cap and mounted from an inside surface of said header wall;

wherein said latch mechanism includes a cam operable on an inside surface of said header wall which when actuated draws said face plate and header wall toward one another.

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24. The casket of claim 23 wherein said housing has a flange on one end and is threaded on the other end, and wherein said rubber washer is compressed between said flange and face plate by a first nut threaded onto said housing threaded end on an inside surface of said face plate.

25. The casket of claim 24 wherein said hex head insert is threaded and said cam is secured onto said insert threaded end by a second nut, said cam and second nut being positioned inward of said first nut.

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27. A sealable casket having a memorabilia compartment, said casket comprising:

a shell;

at least one cap pivoted to said shell;

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said shell and at least one cap having respective confronting flanges;
a first gasket disposed between said flanges of said shell and at least one cap to seal therebetween;
a memorabilia compartment formed within said at least one cap and including an access opening and an interior;
a removable cover positioned over said access opening; and
a second gasket disposed between said cover and said at least one cap to seal therebetween;
wherein said casket is a cut top casket and said at least one cap is a pair of caps: a head end cap and a foot end cap;
wherein said cover is a face plate of a drawer movably mounted in one of said head end and foot end caps;
wherein said drawer is movably mounted in said foot end cap;
wherein said foot end cap includes a header wall and wherein said access opening is formed in said header wall;
wherein said drawer is movable into and out of said foot end cap through said access opening in said header wall;
wherein said second gasket is positioned against an outside surface of said header wall around said access opening;
further comprising a drawer support within said foot end cap and mounted from an inside surface of said header wall;

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wherein said drawer support is an open-ended generally C-shaped channel;

further including at least one drawer stop operable between said channel and said drawer to prevent said drawer from being completely withdrawn from said channel; and

wherein said at least one drawer stop comprises a U-shaped first end which fits over a front upper edge of said channel and a wing extending generally perpendicularly from said U-shaped first end, which said wing projects through a slot in an upper portion of said channel whereby said wing is in a path of a rear wall of said drawer as said drawer is being withdrawn to thereby block complete withdrawal of said drawer from said channel.

Please add the following new claims 28-47:

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28. A casket comprising:

a shell;

at least one cap engaging the shell;

the cap including a header wall;

the header wall being formed to include an access opening;

a cover; and

a cam operable on an inside surface of the header wall which when actuated draws the cover toward the header wall.

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29. The casket of claim 28, wherein the cover is configured to cover the access opening when the cover is adjacent the header wall.

30. The casket of claim 29, further comprising a gasket disposed between the cover and the header wall.

31. The casket of claim 30, wherein the cover sealingly engages the gasket and the gasket sealingly engages the header wall at least after the cam draws the cover toward the header wall.

32. A casket comprising:

a shell;

at least one cap engaging the shell;

a drawer support mounted to the cap;

the drawer support being formed to include a channel;

a spring received by the channel; and

a drawer carried by the drawer support for movement relative thereto between an inward position and an outward position spaced-apart from the inward position;

the drawer including a rail received by the channel;

the rail compressing the spring at least when the drawer is in the inward position.

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33. The casket of claim 32 further comprising a cover coupled to the drawer and a gasket disposed between the cover and the cap, the gasket being compressed between the cover and the cap at least when the drawer is in the inward position.

34. The casket of claim 33, further comprising a latching mechanism including a cam operable on the cap to draw the cover toward the cap.

35. The casket of claim 34, wherein the cap includes a header wall formed to include an access opening, the drawer is received by the access opening, and the gasket is compressed between the cover and the header wall at least when the cam is operated.

36. The casket of claim 34, wherein the cap includes a header wall formed to include an access opening, the drawer is received by the access opening, and the cam is operable on an inside surface of the header wall to draw the cover toward the cap.

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37. The casket of claim 32, wherein the drawer support is further formed to include a first lateral side and a second lateral side, the first lateral side being formed to include the channel, the drawer is formed to include a first side and a second side, and the rail is along the first side of the drawer.

38. The casket of claim 37, wherein the second lateral side of the drawer support is formed to include a second channel, a second rail is formed along the second side of the drawer and is received by the second channel, and further comprising a second spring received by the second channel, the second rail compressing the second spring at least when the drawer is in the inward position.

39. A casket comprising:

- a shell;
- at least one cap engaging the shell;
- a drawer support formed to include a first slot and a second slot;
- at least one bracket comprising:
 - a first leg secured to the cap; and
 - a second leg secured to the drawer support, the second leg comprising a generally upwardly directed U-shaped tang received by the first slot of the drawer support; and
 - a generally downwardly directed U-shaped clip comprising:

a first leg received by the second slot of the drawer support; and
a second leg configured to retain the second leg of the bracket
against the drawer support.

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40. A casket comprising:
a shell;
at least one cap engaging the shell;
a drawer support carried by the cap;
a drawer mounted to the drawer support for movement relative thereto;
and
a drawer stop coupled to the drawer support, the drawer stop
comprising:
a U-shaped first end; and
a wing projecting from the first end and into a path of the
drawer, the path being defined as the drawer is withdrawn from the drawer support,
to block the removal of the drawer from the drawer support.

41. The casket of claim 40, wherein the drawer support is formed to
include a slot and the wing projects through the slot and into the path.

42. The casket of claim 40, wherein the path is the path of a rear wall of the drawer and the wing engages the rear wall to block the movement of the drawer.

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43. A casket comprising:

a shell;

at least one cap engaging the shell;

the cap including a header wall;

the header wall being formed to include an access opening;

a cover; and

a gasket disposed between the cover and the header wall.

44. The casket of claim 43, further comprising a latching mechanism configured to move the cover toward the header wall thereby compressing the gasket.

45. The casket of claim 44, further comprising a drawer received by the access opening and movably mounted in the cap, the cover being coupled to the drawer, and the latching mechanism being operable to draw the drawer into the cap.

46. A casket comprising:

a shell;

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